



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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SEP 30 1999

Mr. James H. Davis, Ph.D., Chief  
Surface Water Quality Bureau  
New Mexico Environment Department  
P.O. Box 26110  
Santa Fe, NM 87502

Dear Mr. Davis:

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is pleased to approve the following TMDLs and updates to work element 6 of the New Mexico Water Quality Management Plan:

1. Total ammonia TMDL for the Rio Chamita.
2. Total phosphorus for the Rio Chamita.
3. Fecal coliform TMDL for the Rio Chamita.

EPA received the final TMDLs on August 30, 1999, accompanied by your letter dated August 24, 1999. We commend your staff for the considerable effort that went into developing and establishing these TMDLs.

Based on our review, detailed in the enclosed document, we conclude that the TMDLs meet the regulatory requirements found in Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act and the implementing regulations at 40 CFR 130.7. If you would like to discuss these approvals, please contact me or Troy Hill of my staff at (214) 665-6647.

Sincerely yours,

Original signed by  
Oscar Ramirez Jr.

William B. Hathaway  
Director  
Water Quality Protection Division

Enclosure